GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1830
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003
MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN EPFO
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any misappropriation of funds to the tune of more than Rs. One crore has been detected in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, region-wise;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any responsibility on EPF officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken against erring officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Region-wise details are as under:

(i) SAO, Bommasandra -Rs.77.65 lakh (approx). - (Karnataka).

(ii) SAO, Nehru Place-Rs.16.37 lakh (approx) - (Delhi).

(iii) SRO, Gwalior -Rs.28.00 lakh (approx) - (M.P.)

(iv) SRO, Rajkot - Rs.59.40 lakh (approx)- (Gujarat).

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The officials/officers, prime-facie, found blameworthy have been identified.

(e): The following actions have been taken in this regard:

(i) The relevant records have been seized;

(ii) The concerned officials/officers have been palced under suspension:

(iii) Departmental proceedings are also being initiated against them;

(iv) The cases of SRO - Rajkot & SRO, Gwalior have been referred to CBI;

(v) In respect of cases pertaining to SAO - Nehru Place and SAO - Bommasandra - FIR has been lodged with the local police authorities.